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Applicants submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (SIDS) on November 25, 2003 in the above-identified application. Included on PTO form 1449 was German Patent Application No: DD 0 286 001 A5. However, at the time of filing the SIDS an english translation of the document was not available.

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# PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A POLYMER SOLUTION

(55) Polymer solution; cellulose; amine oxide; stabiliser; surface-active substances; surfactants; ethoxylated amines; regenerated cellulose yarns; regenerated cellulose films

(57) The invention relates to a process for the production of a polymer solution of cellulose, amine oxide, water and stabiliser, which solution can be processed in the synthetic fibre and polymer film industry to form uniform regenerated cellulose yarns and films with a high degree of fineness. The polymer solution consists of 5 - 20 parts by weight of cellulose, expressed in %, 95 - 80 parts by weight of amine oxide, expressed in %, with 10 - 18 parts by weight of water, expressed in %, 0.1 - 1.0 parts by weight of stabiliser, expressed in % based on cellulose and, according to the invention, contains 0.05 - 5.0 parts by weight of a surface-active substance, expressed in % based on the cellulose. Ethoxylated amines are used as surface-active agents (surfactants).